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GROOTHAERT INFORMED EMBASSY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR THAT INTERMINISTERIAL MEETING IN BRUSSELS LAST WEEK CAME TO NO DECISION OF BELGIAN POSITION ON

RENEWAL OF MULTI-FIBER AGREEMENT (MFA) HE SAID CURRENT
"FLUID POSITION"
OF TINDEMANS GOVERNMENT IS MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO REACH POSITION. HE
SPECULATED, HOWEVER, THAT IT
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WAS MOST UNLIKELY AND HIGHLY IMPROBABLE THAT BELGIUM WOULD SUPPORT U.S. POSITION. HE THOUGHT BELGIUM POSITION WOULD BE CLOSER TO FRANCE DUE TO DIRECT BELGIAN ECONOMIC COMMERCIAL INTERESTS AND PRESSURES, DESPITE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S APPRECIATION OF CONSEQUENCES OF OPENING UP THE MFA. RENNER

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